



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

- O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?
- N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,
- O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?
- N. They shouted back,
- C. Crucify him!**
- N. Pilate asked them,
- O. Why? What harm has he done?
- N. But they shouted all the louder,
- C. Crucify him!**
- N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,
- C. Hail, king of the Jews!**
- N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

- C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!**
- N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,
- C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of**

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

- N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
- J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
- N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,
- C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.**
- N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,
- O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.
- N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

- O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

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FIRST READING Isa 50: 4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- 1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**
- 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him

on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mk 15: 1-39

- (N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)
- N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
- N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,
- O. Are you the king of the Jews?
- N. He answered,
- J. It is you who say it.
- N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,
- O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!
- N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had



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Palm Sunday (24th March 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Tues - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa & I-Lynn Lee
- ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 24th March 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 23 rd March 2024	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 24 th March Palm Sunday	10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy	9.00am Mass
Monday 25 th March Holy Week		
Tuesday 26 th March Holy Week	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 27 th March Holy Week	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 28 th March Holy Thursday	7.00pm Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper	(no Mass)
Friday 29 th March Good Friday	3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	10.00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 30 th March Easter Saturday	No Morning Mass 7.00pm Easter Vigil	

HOLY WEEK 2024



Holy Thursday – 7pm St Joseph's
Good Friday – Stations of the Cross: St Thomas 10am
 Liturgy of Passion: St Joseph's 3pm
Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil: St Joseph's 7pm
Easter Sunday – St Thomas 9am
 St Joseph's 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ RCIA Meeting Thursday 21st March 7pm.
- ▶ Lenten Reflections – Tues 26th March 7pm
- ▶ Parish AGM – Sunday March 24th (Palm Sunday)
- ▶ Children's Liturgy-This Sunday 24 March 10.30 SJ

AUGUSTINE ON PALM SUNDAY



"These, then, were the words of praise addressed to Jesus by the multitude, "Hosanna: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel." What honour was it to the Lord to be King of Israel? What great thing was it to the King of eternity to become the King of men? He was King of Israel in exercising kingly authority over their inward natures, in consulting for their eternal interests, in bringing into His heavenly kingdom those whose faith, and hope, and love were centred in Himself."



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the church doors, or donate by visiting Caritas Project Compassion or phone 1800 024 413

VISIT OF BISHOP TONY IRELAND

Tony Ireland Bishop of the Melbourne Southern Region will preside and preach at the Good Friday Ceremonies at St Joseph's 3pm on March 29th. We welcome him to our parish.



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Today Sunday 24th March at 11.45am at St Joseph's. All parishioners are invited. The Annual Report will be presented and nominations for Parish Pastoral Council membership confirmed.

EASTER VIGIL SUPPER

Please bring a plate for supper following the 7pm Easter Vigil on Saturday.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Planned Giving envelopes for the coming year are now in the churches. New subscribers please contact the office at 9826 9677



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased
 ✦ Edibia Ruiz de Caballero



Anniversaries

- ✦ Alicia Silva
- ✦ Helen Duncan
- ✦ Archangel & Anunciation Inton
- ✦ Victor Lim
- ✦ Michael Tan Ewe Lee
- ✦ Francis Dixon
- ✦ Marie Stephenson
- ✦ Adele Gori
- ✦ Don McKenzie



EASTER ENVELOPES

Envelopes at church doors for offerings to the clergy at Easter.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

The annual appeal for the maintenance of the Holy Places of pilgrimage in Jerusalem is conducted this Good Friday at the 10am Stations and 3pm Liturgy of the Passion.



CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation classes for children making their First Reconciliation will begin in May, Please contact Stephy at the parish office for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY This Sunday 10.30am at St Joseph's followed by Morning tea.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudeans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Inge Halim, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Mary Ireland, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Tony Duarte, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton.

MASS COLLECTIONS 17/03/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 782.70
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 363.95
Envelopes	\$ 180.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 430.00
Tap Point Terminals	\$ 635.00
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